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WOMAN SENTENCED TO 33 MONTHS FOR THEFT FROM VILLAGE OF WASHINGTON PARK

TAKISHA WALKER of Washington Park, Illinois, was sentenced Monday on one count of **MAIL FRAUD** and one count of **WIRE FRAUD**. **WALKER** was sentenced to a term of 33 months' imprisonment and ordered to pay \$171,862.25 in restitution to the Village of Washington Park. **WALKER** was also sentenced to three years' supervised release at conclusion of her incarceration. In August, 2006, **WALKER** pled guilty to a two-count Information and admitted to stealing from the Village of Washington Park to pay for personal expenses while also paying the personal expenses of others in exchange for a fee.

At the sentencing, the court emphasized Walker's extensive criminal history and stressed the need to supervise her conduct after her release from jail.

The investigation was conducted by the United States Postal Inspection Service and the Illinois State Police. The prosecution of the case was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Kevin F. Burke.